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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).
- ☒ 7. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted.
- ☒ 8. Copies of documents AA1-AR1, AA2-AO2, AA3-AE3, AJ3-AM3, and AJ4 were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 09/438,689, filed November 12, 1999 (now U.S.

Pat. No. 6,696,8989), which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

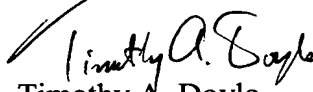
- ☒ 9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent Application No. 09/438,689, filed November 12, 1999 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,696,8989) in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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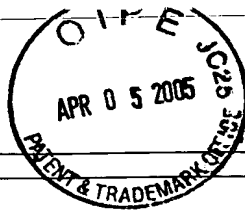
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	AB1	4,141,209	02/1979	Barnett <i>et al.</i>			
	AC1	4,190,808	02/1980	Fajen			
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	AR	1	International Search Report from PCT Appl. No. PCT/US99/26700, filed Nov. 12, 1999, 14 pages (mailed Jan. 10, 2001).

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	AA2	5,031,233	07/1991	Regan			
	AB2	5,077,541	12/1991	Gilbert			
	AC2	5,200,826	04/1993	Seong			
	AD2	5,251,324	10/1993	McMullan, Jr.			
	AE2	5,311,318	05/1994	Dobrovolsky			
	AF2	5,423,076	06/1995	Westergren <i>et al.</i>			
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	AM2	EP 0 767 532 A1	10/1996	Europe			N/A

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AN	2	International Preliminary Examination Report from PCT Appl. No. PCT/US99/26700, filed Nov. 12, 1999, 29 pages (mailed Mar. 8, 2001).
AO	2	Examination Report from European Appl. No. 99965786.9, filed Nov. 12, 1999, 4 pages (dated Jun. 21, 2002).
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	AE3	5,828,589	10/1998	Degenhardt			
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